

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) A synchronizer ring characterized by comprising: an annular ring body, wherein a friction material is integrally joined to at least one of an inner peripheral surface and an outer peripheral surface of said ring body, said friction material containing a phenol resin in which 40 to 70 wt.% of a porous carbon powder containing mineral components is dispersedly contained.
2. (original) The synchronizer ring according to claim 1, wherein said ring body is formed of one of iron, a ferroalloy, a non-ferrous alloy, and a sintered alloy thereof.
3. (currently amended) The synchronizer ring according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said porous carbon powder containing mineral components contains 65 to 75 wt.% of a carbon component, 5 to 10 wt.% of mineral components, and 15 to 30 wt.% of oxygen.
4. (currently amended) The synchronizer ring according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein said phenol resin is one or two or more kinds selected from a novolak type phenol resin, an epoxy modified phenol resin, and a melamine modified phenol resin.

5. (currently amended) The synchronizer ring according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~
claim 1, wherein said friction material contains an inorganic whisker and/or a porous
ceramic at a ratio of 5 to 30 wt.%.

6. (original) The synchronizer ring according to claim 5, wherein said inorganic whisker
is one or two or more kinds selected from a calcium sulfate whisker, a potassium
titanate whisker, a zinc oxide whisker, a magnesium sulfate whisker, an aluminum
borate whisker, a calcium silicate whisker, and a titanium oxide whisker.

7. (original) The synchronizer ring according to claim 5, wherein said porous ceramic
is selected from at least one of activated alumina and activated magnesia.